Againſt my childe, my daughter *Hermia*.
Stand foorth Demetrius.
My noble Lord,
This man hath my conſent to marry her.
Stand foorth Lyſander.
And my gracious Duke,
This man hath bewitcht the boſome of my childe:
Thou, thou *Lyſander*, thou haſt giuen her rimes,
And interchang'd loue tokens with my childe:
Thou haſt by moone-light at her window ſung,
With faining voice, verſes of faining loue,
And ſtolne the impreſſion of her fantaſie,
With bracelets of thy haire, rings, gawdes, conceits,
Knacks, trifles, noſegaies, ſweet meates (meſſengers
Of ſtrong preuailement in vnhardened youth)
With cunning haſt thou filcht my daughters heart,
Turnd her obedience (which is due to me)
To ſtubborne harſhneſſe. And my gracious Duke,
Be it ſo ſhe will not here before your Grace,
Conſent to marry with *Demetrius*,
I beg the ancient priuiledge of *Athens*;
As ſhe is mine, I may diſpoſe of her;
Which ſhall be either to this gentleman,
Or to her death, according to our law,
Immediatly prouided in that caſe.
The. What ſay you *Hermia*? be aduis'd, faire maid,
To you your father ſhoud be as a God:
One that compos'd your beauties; yea and one,
To whom you are but as a forme in wax
By him imprinted, and within his power,
To leaue the figure, or disfigure it:
Demetrius is a worthy gentleman.
Her. So is *Lyſander*. *The.* In himſelfe he is.
But in this kinde, wanting your fathers voyce,
The other muſt be held the worthier.

Her.

Her. I would my f
The. Rather your
Her. I do intreate
I know not by what
Nor how it may con
In ſuch a preſence, he
But I beſeech your G
The worſt that may
If I refuſe to wed *D*
The. Either to die
For euer the ſociety
Therefore faire *Herm*
Know of your youth
Whether (if you yie
You can endure the
For aye to be in ſha
To liue a barren ſiſte
Chanting faint hym
Thrice bleſſed they
To vndergo ſuch m
But earthlier happy
Then that which wi
Growes, liues, and
Her. So will I gr
Ere I will yeeld my
Vnto his Lordſhip
My ſoule conſents
The. Take time
The ſealing day be
For euerlaſting bon
Vpon that day eith
For diſobedience t
Or elſe to wed *Dem*
Or on *Dianaes* Alta
For aye, auſterity,